

"VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

3. (Amended) A structure according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said first layer comprises metal fibers with a diameter of less than 3 μm and wherein said second layer comprises metal fibers with a diameter of at least three times the diameter of the fibers in the first layer.

4. (Amended) A structure according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said first layer has a weight ranging between 300 g/m₂ and 600 g/m².

5. (Amended) A structure according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the first layer has at least one even surface.

6. (Amended) A structure according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said structure further comprises a wire net which is fixed to the first layer or to the second layer.

7. (Amended) A structure according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein said structure is sandwiched between a first wire net (14) and a second wire net (15), said first net (14) being located at the inlet side, said second wire net (15) being located at the outlet side, said first wire net having meshes which are smaller than the second wire net and having wire with a diameter which is thicker than the diameter of the wires in the second wire mesh.

9. (Amended) A structure according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said first layer is obtained by means of a cold isostatic pressing operation.